GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017

STAINLESS STEEL COACHES

1607. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is concerned that 80% of railway coaches are old, outdated and unsafe;

(b) if so, whether the Government is also planning to produce and introduce stainless steel coaches for better durability and safety;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also fixed any time frame for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There are presently 2 types of coaches-ICF design and LHB design being used on Indian Railways. The Government has decided to proliferate Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) type coaches which are of modern design as compared to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) type coaches and have better safety features.

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LHB type coaches have superior crashworthy and anti climbing features. Hitherto these coaches were inducted into premier services such as Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Durantoes but now these are also being inducted into Mail & Express trains as well.

(c) & (d): A policy decision has been taken to manufacture only LHB coaches from April 2018 onwards.

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